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## **CLEANUP PLAN FOR MASTER METALS SITE PROPOSED; COMMENT PERIOD BEGINS, MEETING MAR. 18**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 has recently proposed a cleanup plan for lead contamination at the Master Metals Superfund site (Cleveland, OH).

A public comment period continues through March 31. A public meeting, including a forum for comments, will be Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m., Pilgrim Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, 2592 West 14th St.

The 4-acre property, in an industrial area at 2850 West 3rd St., was home to two secondary lead smelting and lead recycling businesses. From 1933 to 1979, it was operated by NL Industries. The facility was then sold to Master Metals, which continued operations until August 1993--when Ohio EPA ordered its shutdown for numerous environmental, health, and safety violations.

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Following an EPA site analysis and investigation, a group of 53 responsible parties performed a two-phase interim cleanup, which concluded in January 1998.

EPA recommends a cleanup plan that includes:

- Excavation of contaminated soil outside the site boundaries, followed by consolidation with on-site contaminated soils;
- Covering the consolidated soils with two feet of clean fill and a top layer of vegetation, plus replacement of the excavated soils with clean fill;
- Environmental monitoring for at least 30 years, or until the site reaches targeted cleanup levels; and
- Deed restrictions on future development.

EPA, in cooperation with Ohio EPA and the City of Cleveland, will review the site conditions on a regular basis. Estimated cost of the proposed plan, to be paid for by the responsible parties: \$500,000 to \$550,000.

A fact sheet explaining the proposed plan and other alternatives will be available at the public meeting, or may be obtained directly from Bri Bill, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. EPA (P-19J), 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, phone: 800-621-8431, e-mail: bill.briana@epa.gov. Written comments on the plan may also be sent to Bill.

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